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"According to the information of the Government, these gentlemen are working in a responsible manner."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—"Sir, will the Government advise the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies to change the rules of the society so that the members of the society can have their elected directors, and there will be no trouble between the directors and the members?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"Apart from these five nominated directors, two directors are elected by the workers also."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—"May I know, Sir, whether the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies is on the Board of Directors, and, if so, what is his advice?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"He has advised. I have nothing more to add to what I have already said."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—"Sir, as the factory has been closed now, will the Government send for the records and examine the whole matter, and take over the factory themselves?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"I can assure the hon. Member that the Government will send for the records. As for taking over the factory, it is a matter of policy, and I require notice."

Repair works of Kanchalamma tank in Rayachoti taluk.

* 60 Q.—SRI Y. AUDINARAYANA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have given up the execution of the repair works of Kanchalamma tank in Rayachoti taluk; and

(b) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"(a) The answer is in the negative. The scheme is being examined.

"(b) Does not arise."

SRI Y. AUDINARAYANA REDDI :—"Will the Government take it up as a famine work, Sir?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"The question whether it could be taken up as a famine work was considered. Inasmuch as skilled labour was necessary for the completion of the project, this question was given up, and it could not be taken up as a famine work."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—"May I know, Sir, the reasons why after considering the whole question, it was given up?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—"As a famine work, it was given up."

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SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" We have been informed that because of some technical personnel not being available the work has not been executed. Will the Government give us an assurance that in the famine affected areas, they will employ many more people so that the works could be finished soon? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, it is not for want of technical personnel that the work was given up. We can employ unskilled, but not skilled labour on famine relief work. It is for that reason that the work was not taken up as a famine relief work."

SRI P. THIMMA REDDI :—" This particular work was engaging the attention of the Government for the last 50 years. How long will it take the Government to examine whether it is feasible or not? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I may tell the hon. Member that this Kanchalamma tank was examined in 1933 and was given up for the following reasons. The reasons are : (1) the availability of supply of water for storage was doubtful in many years; (2) there was the possibility of the tank prejudicially affecting supply to the spring channels lower down and also Matearaju tank; (3) the return anticipated was poor; (4) the ryots were not keen on the restoration of the tank; and (5) the foundations for the bund in the river portion was also not quite good. Again this scheme was examined in 1951. The cost of the scheme went up to Rs. 7 lakhs. The increase in the estimate was attributed to non-availability of suitable soil near the dam site for forming the dam, and the extra labour involved in bringing soil from a greater distance and also the additional work necessitated for forming a strong bund. Provision was also included in the revised estimate for special tools and plant. Therefore the cost of the work increased to Rs. 7 lakhs. Very recently, Sir, about the 12th June 1952, the Deputy Famine Commissioner sent a report that this work might be taken up on the ground that all the road works in the Rayachoti taluk had been completed. This point is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" Sir, the reports of the technical officers regarding non-availability of water in the upland districts of Rayalaseema is always a sort of excuse for not taking up any work there. Will the Government see that breaches of tanks in Rayalaseema are repaired always irrespective of the report whether water is available or not? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This is a general question. The present question relates to the repairs to the Kanchalamma tank only."

SRI T. N. VENKATASUBBA REDDI :—" I am making a suggestion that in the upland districts of the State, repairs to tanks should be undertaken. I know it is always stated that supply of water is doubtful. So, I am suggesting to the Government. . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" A separate question may be put."

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SRI P. THIMMA REDDI :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister is reading the answers provided by the Secretariat. But then there is a point for consideration. In the report of the investigation in 1933, it has been stated that if the bund is made all right, the spring channels lower down will be affected. How is this possible, Sir? When there is a reservoir above there will always be water in the spring channels downstream."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is making a speech."

SRI P. THIMMA REDDI :—" Sir, when the point is not clear, it has to be explained to the Hon. Minister."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, is it because the estimate has gone up and because there will be no return to Government from this work if it is taken up as a famine relief work that the work was given up?" 8-45 a.m.

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have already said that this work will not be taken up as a famine relief work because it involves the employment of skilled labour."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, my question was not at all answered. I asked if it was because the estimate had gone up and because there was not a good return, the Government gave up this work. That was not answered at all."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Sir, the hon. Member put a question whether it was given up by the Government because it could not be taken up as a famine relief work. I have already answered it. The question whether this work could not be taken up as an ordinary irrigation project was considered and it was decided by the Government that it could not be so taken up."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Will the Government tell us whether the cessation of such important works follows the reasons or whether reasons follow the cessation of the works?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Cessation of works follows the reasons."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Is it the policy of the Government that in the famine-affected areas, those works which do not give them any return, should not be taken up? If so, do the Government believe that they can at any time see that famine is eradicated from those areas?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I am afraid the hon. Gentleman is confusing the issue. In the case of famine works, there is no question of return at all; it is a question of providing work. But in the case of ordinary works, which are irrigation works, the question of return will be considered."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" May I know when this tank was originally formed and when it will be repaired?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I have no information on that point."

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SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అయ్యా, ఈ స్కీముల విషయములో ఎస్టిమేట్లలో ఒకదాన్ని హెచ్చించి, ఇంకొకదాన్ని తగ్గించి, ఆయా స్కీములను పలుమారు పరిశీలించేటప్పుడు ఎస్టిమేట్లను ప్రతిమాగూ పెంచుతూ సరియైన ప్రతిఫలం రాదని స్కీమును మానివేయడం ప్రభుత్వం విధానమా ?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" వెనుక 1927 వ సంవత్సరంలో పరిశీలించినపుడు స్కీముకు మూడు లక్షల రూపాయలకు ఎస్టిమేటు వేయబడింది. 1949 వ సంవత్సరం ఎస్టిమేటు సహజంగానే ఏడు లక్షల రూపాయలవరకూ హెచ్చింది. ఎస్టిమేటు ఎక్కువ అయిందనే కారణంతో స్కీమును మానివేయడం ప్రభుత్వం పద్ధతి కాదు."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI :—" Sir, the question was put in Telugu and the answer was also given in Telugu. Many of the Members did not understand them nor did many of the Hon. Ministers. How could supplementary questions be put and answered in Telugu? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Chair is in the same position."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Do the Government realize that, if the criterion that irrigation works must yield a certain return if they are to be taken up is applied to the famine-affected areas—I am not referring to areas where there is famine to-day only but to areas where there is perpetual famine—it will mean that they will never be able to eradicate famine from those areas? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I may inform the hon. Gentleman that there is no criterion of a fixed percentage of return for taking up irrigation projects in famine-affected areas."

Relief to weavers weaving higher counts of yarn.

* 61 *Q.*—SRI P. NARASIMHA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the scheme of contemplated relief (which the Governor mentioned in his Address, dated 6th May 1952 to the State Legislature(to the handloom weavers applies only to the weavers weaving the lower counts of yarn; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government propose to extend it to the weavers weaving higher counts, i.e., 60, 80 and 100 counts, who are equally suffering?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" Sir, since the wage of six annas fixed under the relief scheme is a starvation wage and since the 40 knots of yarn proposed to be supplied in a month per loom will fetch only Rs. 15 for four people depending on the loom, will the Government consider the suggestion to increase the wage level to eight annas per knot and supply 80 knots of yarn in a month to a loom? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" May I ask, Sir, how this is a supplementary question on the main question? "